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U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN KILLED IN KABUL

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[Text] Kabul, February 14, TASS--This morning unknown persons kidnapped U.S. Ambassador in the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan Adolph Dubs. The terrorists who kidnapped the ambassador brought him into the Kabul Hotel and held him there for three hours. During a shoot-out with the police several of the terrorists were killed. In the hotel room the ambassador was found gravely wounded. After being brought to hospital Adolph Dubs died.

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Afghan Government Statement

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[Text] Kabul, February 14, TASS--BAHTAR NEWS AGENCY released today a statement by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan which says:

Today, several terrorists and enemies of Afghanistan assassinated U.S. Ambassador in Kabul Adolph Dubs. The Government of Afghanistan is deeply saddened by this unhappy occurrence. On behalf of President of the Revolutionary Council and Prime Minister of Afghanistan N.M. Taraki and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister H. Amin, cables expressing profound condolences were sent to U.S. President James Carter and U.S. State Secretary Cyrus Vance. The Government of Afghanistan considers this unhappy occurrence as an act perpetrated by the enemies of the Afghan people and opponents of friendship between the people of Afghanistan and the people of the United States.

Circumstances of Ambassador's Death

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[Text] The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has expressed deep condolences to the U.S. Government in connection with the tragic death of the U.S. ambassador in Kabul. As we have already reported, the U.S. ambassador, Adolph Dubs, was seized yesterday by a group of terrorists who stopped his car in the street and then mortally wounded him. According to new reports the group, consisting of four men dressed in police uniforms, took the ambassador into one of the central hotels in Kabul. Then the terrorists demanded from the authorities the immediate release of three of their colleagues, arrested the previous day. The Afghan authorities tried to save the ambassador and took emergency measures to obtain his release, but without success. During the security forces operations, the terrorists were killed. However, before this they fatally wounded the U.S. ambassador. He was taken to the U.S. Embassy, where in spite of medical assistance he soon died.

It has become known that the terrorists represent one of the reactionary Muslim sects, Jzadah al-Islam, waging subversive activities against the legitimate Government of Afghanistan.

TASS Denies 'Absurd' Rumor

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["A Diverting Maneuver"--TASS headline]

[Text] Moscow, February 15, TASS--TASS commentator Konstantin Ivanov writes:

Reports have appeared in the American press that present in a distorted light the circumstances of the death of U.S. Ambassador in Kabul Adolph Dubs.

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In high-level bodies of the North Atlantic bloc, to judge from statements by General Haig, pressure is being put on the small countries to contribute actively to the U.S. African policy.

The aim of this pressure is clear, writes our observer Vladimir Kuznetsov. It consists in pretending that the NATO countries are making collective efforts to support President Mobutu. In doing this, not much trouble is taken over choosing arguments, when the fact that Article 2 of the treaty on the establishment of NATO confining the actions of signatory countries exclusively to the European Continent is ignored.

General Haig, who is giving up his post as commander in chief of NATO forces in Europe, has explained NATO's lively interest in Zaire. In an interview for DERNIERE HEURE, he defended the intervention in African affairs because, he said, a threat would hang [word indistinct] over the source of Europe's supply of raw materials.

In our view we have to admit that DRAPEAU ROUGE is right when it describes Haig's admissions in these terms: My oil, my rubber, my uranium, my bauxite. This is why General Haig is afraid. Let us remind you that the subsoil of Zaire contains 60 to 80 percent of the world's copper, [word indistinct], bauxite and other mineral ore reserves.

Many people in the country wonder why the Belgians are drawn into all these intrigues, and why young Belgians have to risk their lives for U.S. objectives in Africa. Doubtful experiences in Africa give rise to fully justified anxiety in Belgium, our observer Vladimir Kuznetsov writes in conclusion.

PRC, NATO Moves Linked

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[Text] Brussels, February 14, TASS--According to reports from informed sources, a large batch of modern weaponry--tanks and heavy artillery pieces, has been delivered to a sea port on Africa's eastern coast recently, intended for use in Zaire. It transpired that, simultaneously, a group of Chinese military advisers arrived in Zaire.

It is reported here that this action by Beijing, as was also the case during last year's developments in the Zairean province of Shaba, actually coincided with the departure for Zaire of a large unit of Belgian paratroopers. So there is a clear parallelism in the actions by NATO countries and China, whose thrust requires no further comment.

MADAGASCAR'S RATSIRAKA RECEIVES ILICHEV

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[Text] Ratsiraka, president of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, has received Ilichev, deputy foreign minister of the USSR, who is in Antananarivo. During the conversation, which passed in a friendly atmosphere, there was a discussion of questions of bilateral relations and certain international problems including the situation in southern Africa.

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Being circulated is an absurd story about the involvement in this of persons who in reality had nothing to do with this directly or indirectly. Judging by everything, these reports were needed to divert attention from those really guilty of the provocative act of terror that claimed the life of Adolph Dubs, an act that was sanctioned and carried out by the enemies of Democratic Afghanistan.